

Autumn

Long Stratton News

WELCOME TO THE AUTUMN 2024 EDITION

I hope you had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the summer holidays.

Over the summer we have had a change in staff, in July we said goodbye to Tom our Direct Services Officer, who left to pursue his dream job and we wish him all the best. Martin stepped into the role over the summer, he has also now left to pursue another career and we wish him well also. We welcome Jay to the team, Jay has a wealth of experience in open space maintenance and we look forward to working with him, you can find more information about Jay later in the newsletter.

Along with this, there's useful information about Norfolk County Councils new booking system for recycling centres and a wonderful way in which we can help Hedgehogs in your own garden with a Hedgehog Highway!

Christmas will be here in less than two months and the Town Council are pleased to announce that they are supporting the local businesses put on the Community Christmas event on the 7th December starting at 1pm. The event is shaping up to be a fantastic start to the build up to Christmas.

The Council would like to welcome Fiona Lawrence, Fiona has filled the vacancy that was left and we now have a full compliment of 13 members who are all volunteers giving their time for the Community. Although there are no vacancies, we are keen for members of the public to attend Council meetings that can showcase the work the Councillors do. The next meeting is November 11th at 7pm in the community room.

Long Stratton Town Council Chairman,
Kelly Lunness

MEET YOUR COUNCIL

Chairman
Councillor
Kelly Lunness

Vice-Chairman
Councillor
Mat Pochin

Councillor
Andrew Lansdell

Councillor
David Willis

Councillor
Katrina Thompson

Councillor
Helen Dickerson

Councillor
Judith Baker

Councillor
Louise Mundford

Councillor
Robin Ciorra

Councillor
Susan Smith

Councillor
Justin Harris

Councillor
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Councillor
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October 2024

A new booking system for Norfolk recycling centres

A new booking system is being introduced for all Norfolk recycling centres.

From 18th November 2024 you must have booked to visit a Norfolk recycling centre.

You can book up to seven days in advance, so you will be able to book from 11th November 2024.

Each time slot is 15 minutes. You will need to arrive within the time you have booked.

There is no charge to make a booking and you can make as many bookings as you need. Charges still apply for trade waste and household DIY waste over the free limit.

You can only book one slot at a time. But as long as they are available, you can book as many slots as you need each day.

When you book you will select the recycling centre, date and time you want to visit. You will need to enter the following details:

- Your name
- Your address
- Registration number of the vehicle you will use when you visit
- Your email address
- Whether you are bringing DIY waste

You will also be able to change or cancel your booking if needed.

Please visit: **www.norfolk.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling**

People who don't have access to the internet can call the Customer Service Centre to make a booking on 0344 800 8020.

Annual Free Household hazardous waste day

These are for residents disposing of hazardous household waste only. They are not for any business, group or other organisation.

16th and 17th November 2024, 9am-4pm at Norwich South Recycling Centre, Ipswich Road, Norwich NR4 6FA . Booking will not be required for the Hazardous Waste Days in 2024.



SAVE THE DATE

LONG STRATTON

Community Christmas event 2024

7TH DECEMBER 1PM-5PM

Let's get together and dive into a day packed with Christmas cheer and jolly good times!

- Santa's Enchanted Grotto
- School Choir Programs
- Christmas Market
- Treasure Hunt
- Tombola
- Food and Drinks
- Face Painting
- Bell ringing
- Festive Arts & Crafts
- Much more to follow

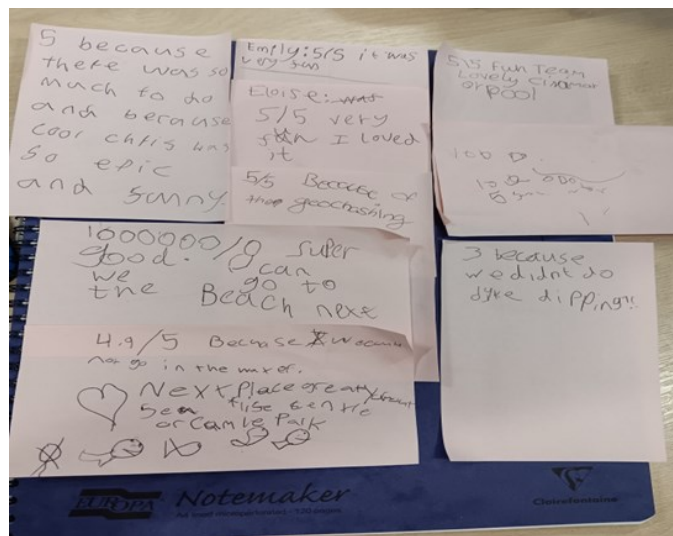
Hosted and organized by Long Stratton's local businesses, with support from the Town Council.



Long Stratton Youth Activities

Our regular Youth Café sessions continued to run throughout the summer including during the school holidays, alongside bi-weekly Junior Youth Café sessions. After what seemed like a very wet year so far, we were finally able to make use of the wider space and facilities surrounding us on the Manor Road Playing Fields and we had lots of fun in the sun playing rounders (once we could agree on the rules), table-tennis and enjoying the cool shaded area at the top of the field when it got hot but we still wanted to be outside. We also continued to enjoy a range of other activities especially making, and, most importantly, eating different types of food, including; crepes, toasties, waffles, and my personal favourite, Quesadillas (Mexican style toasted wraps). We also enjoyed listening (and sometimes singing along) to different styles of music as young people were keen to share their favourites with each other. We also found out that as well as helping us to improve our fitness and relaxation levels, yoga can also be a fun group activity, and there was lots of laughter when we played yoga games together with Chloe and Rachel from Norfolk County Council's Schools and Communities Team.

The highlight of the summer, however, were the two day trips on the Norfolk Broads that Long Stratton Youth Activities organised in partnership with The Broads Authority, to Barton Turf Activity Centre for ages 11+ and to How Hill Nature Reserve for ages 8+. Both trips were fully subscribed and we had two fantastic days out. We travelled by mini-bus as a group from The Pavilion, making the activity accessible to all young people in and around the Long Stratton area. Activities included; working as a team 'geocaching', charcoal making, canoeing, thatching and enjoying a boat trip on the Broads.



Long Stratton Youth Activities

We have now streamlined our Youth Café sessions on Wednesdays from 3.30-5.30pm for all young people in school years 7+ and have trialled an evening session during half-term on Tuesday 29th October from 7.15 -8.45pm.

We also ran our Junior Youth Café session on Wednesday 30th October for young people in school years 4-6. As well as lots of Halloween themed activities, and in partnership with Bike Active, we offered young people an opportunity to have a go on a range of adapted bikes on the multi-use games area next to The Pavilion.

Please also check out our Facebook page and Instagram for updates



Follow us on social media for updates

@LSYOUTHACTIVITIES



We are always looking for new volunteers to help support and develop our offer to young people locally, so please get in touch if you have a few hours to spare and enjoy working alongside young people. We'd love to hear from you.

There are also additional activities for young people across South Norfolk to gain new experiences and develop practical skills and knowledge, including gaining accredited awards through the South Norfolk Youth Advisory Board's Autumn Activity Programme. These sessions are open to young people who live in South Norfolk, or who attend school in South Norfolk (Year7+). Further information can be found at www.snyab.org or contact 07778 896325 or email info@mtmyouthservices.org.uk



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Hedgehogs R Us Highway Project

Helping Conservation One Hedgehog At A Time

My name is Linda Cook and I am the founder of Hedgehogs R Us.

After 4 years of helping to raise awareness of the plight of Hedgehogs in my local town, I spent lockdown wondering what more I could do to help our prickly pals.

My first project was born: The Hedgehogs R Us Highway Project!



What is a Hedgehog Highway?

A Hedgehog Highway is a 5 inch gap in a fence or wall allowing access for Hedgehogs. Other names include 'Hedgehog Door', 'Hedgehog Hole' and 'Hedgehog Tunnel'.

These gaps are essential in the battle to prevent the extinction of our endangered spiky friends.

The Hedgehog Highway allows hedgehogs to:

- * Forage for food
- * Meet mates to breed
- * Access nesting sites

**Available to buy for £3
each at the Town Council
office in the Pavilion!**

Why should I get a Hedgehog Highway Surround?

1. Hedgehog Highway Signs look super cute!
2. They raise awareness to hedgehogs' struggle for survival.
3. They create a talking point, encouraging others to create a highway of their own and take part in the project.
4. Money from the sale of every Hedgehog Sign is donated to help the rescue of sick and injured hedgehogs.



MEET JAY

Jay is the Council's new Direct Services Officer. He recently joined us in July and is responsible for maintaining and looking after the Council's assets and open spaces.

His responsibilities include, maintaining the playing fields and other Council owned open spaces through grass cutting, hedge cutting and strimming. Maintaining and repairing play areas including the skate park. Maintaining the public toilets both at Swan Lane and the Pavilion. Ensuring the Council assets are in good condition and carrying out repairs where necessary.

Jay is from a family farm and is very fond of rural pursuits that include climbing, fishing, walking and generally being outdoors. He's very much looking forward to being amongst the Long Stratton community.



“The project **‘Making Dog Bins Digital’** has been completed and the stickers are up!

Please make use of these to report any issues with the dog bins so that we can get them resolved quickly.



Not all dog bins have their stickers on just yet, either due to them being inaccessible or needing repairs – but worry not! We'll get these ones sorted as soon as we are able to.

Unfortunately, due to an inappropriate response, we can no longer allow users to freely type out the issue. This means that we now have a dropdown box with specific issues for you to select from.

In the case of an issue not being on this list, you can still use an alternative way of contacting us.

OFFICE OPENING HOURS

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS

10AM-2PM

CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

(Please be aware that staff work flexible hours and therefore may not always be available, therefore it is recommended an appointment is made first on the contact details on the front page)

Has this newsletter piqued your interest?

Is there something that you would like to know more about?

Is there something that you would like to see in the next newsletter or on the website

Please get in contact, this newsletter is designed to provide as much information about the important work Long Stratton Town Council are doing and the chances are, if you have a query, other residents will have the same query.

Please take the time to have a look at the website, address is on the first page.

We look forward to hearing from you.

KEY CONTACTS

Town Council office - 01508 530524

South Norfolk Council - 01508 533701

Website - www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

- Bins
- Council tax
- Housing

Norfolk County Council - 0344 800 8020

- Highways
- Social Services, adult and children
- Education

Allotments -

Managed by St Michaels Church - 01508 530296 or e-mail Rosemaryaf.bennett@btinternet.com

Long Stratton Medical Partnership - 01508 530781